

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Action in the present application.

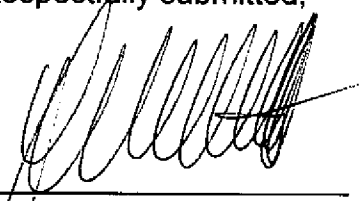
Applicant has canceled original claims 1-17 in favor of new claims 18-35 which are intended to present claims in proper form and language and to encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention. It is noted for the record that the subject matter of claims 18-35 corresponds to the subject matter of claims 1-17 which were submitted by applicant in the International PCT application PCT/DE2004/002494 and have been determined by the International Bureau as having novelty and inventiveness. Accordingly, applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it with proper headings and to delete any reference to a particular claim number. The Abstract has also been amended to conform to proper form.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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